

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2158

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, to which was referred S.B. No. 2158 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate \$542,910 in fiscal year 2008-2009 to support the statewide economic development program of the Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network hosted by the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that small businesses represent a very important part of our island economy, and studies indicate that small businesses, particularly those with four or fewer employees, are the primary creators of new jobs in an economy. Established in 1990, the Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network is the only statewide small business technical assistance provider. With five service centers on four major islands, the centers help Hawaii's small business ventures succeed and expand through quality consulting, business training and advocacy efforts. Your Committees are supportive of these efforts and the Network's contribution to the success of Hawaii's small business community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation that is attached to

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this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2158 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Taxation,



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
IGE, David Y.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Will Espero*

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